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EXAMINING GROUP 260

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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ADVANCED AIR BEARING SLIDER  
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 20, 2003. Please amend  
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